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SUBJECT: INDONESIA: MAY 31 AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

REF: A) Jakarta 6495 and previous

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¶1. (SBU) Summary: Three additional cases of H5N1 infection have occurred in two locations in Indonesia since May 22 (ref). Two of these have resulted in fatalities, including a 10-year old girl and her 18-year old brother, both whom died 21 May in Bandung, West Java. NAMRU-2 and the Ministry of Health (MOH) have also determined H5N1 exposure in a 12-year girl hospitalized in Padang, West Sumatra who reportedly cared for the bodies of two family members that recently died with symptoms consistent with H5N1 infection. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) influenza specialist Dr. Tim Uyeki returned to Jakarta from Medan May 27 and continues to work with the MOH in the investigation of the North Sumatran family cluster and other recent human AI cases. As of May 31, post reports 54 human AI cases as confirmed or probable, with 40 resulting in fatalities (74 percent). End Summary.

North Sumatran Cluster Update  
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¶2. (SBU) CDC influenza specialist Dr. Tim Uyeki returned from Medan May 27, but will continue to help Dr. Tom Grein from the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva and the

Ministry of Health (MOH) with the ongoing investigation of the family cluster and other human AI cases that have since emerged. There is no evidence of additional cases outside of the large family cluster. MOH officials will continue to monitor close contacts of the victims. It appears that surviving family members and villagers of Kubu Simbelang in the Karo District have been more cooperative with the WHO team, but less so with MOH officials. District health workers continue to follow about 30 villagers who had contact with the family and many of these are receiving oseltamivir.

13. (SBU) Dr. Uyeki said he supports the WHO's plan to conduct a serological survey at a later date, after careful planning. A serological survey could provide important additional information, including information about possible sub-clinical AI infections.

14. (U) Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) officials said the MOA sent serum samples obtained from pigs in the Karo District of Medan to VLA Weybridge, United Kingdom, on May 25 for further testing. In addition, Consulate Medan presented North Sumatra Ministry of Health officials in Kabanjahe with USAID Jakarta-produced posters and other material that they will use to spread awareness of how to diminish the risk of catching or spreading avian flu.

#### Additional Cases in Java

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15. (SBU) Three additional cases of H5N1 infection have occurred in other locations in Indonesia since reftel report May 22, 2006. Two have them have been fatal. Details follow:

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--- NAMRU-2 and NIHRD have determined H5N1 infection in a 12-year girl who cared for the bodies of two other family members who recently died of probable AI infection. The patient remains hospitalized in Padang with AI symptoms Confirmation by the US CDC and UHK results are pending.

--- Both the U.S. CDC and the UHK have confirmed H5N1 infection in a 39-year old male who died May 21 at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Jakarta. (reftel).

--- A 10-year girl and her 18-year old brother were reportedly admitted May 22 with AI symptoms to the state-run Hasan Sidikin Hospital in Bandung and died a day later. Dr. Nyoman Kandun, Director General of Communicable Disease Control and Environmental Health (CDC-EH or P2M) told the local press that the victims were probably infected by sick poultry. He added that dead chickens were discovered a few days before the pair fell ill. Provincial Animal Health officials reportedly culled up to 500 poultry within a half a mile of the siblings' home after having found four H5N1 infected chickens in the area. NIHRD and NAMRU-2 found samples from both patients to be positive for H5N1. The WHO lab in Hong Kong confirmed infection in the case of the 10-year old female, while results on the 18 year-old are equivocal.

#### Human AI Case Profile

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16. (U) In the past week, the number of confirmed H5N1 cases in humans in Indonesia rose from 44 to 47, with 36 deaths (77 percent).

17. (SBU) NAMRU-2 data indicates the following AI-related case profile as of May 31:

-- Number of laboratory confirmed (positive PCR and/or serology) human AI cases: 47, of which 36 have been fatal (fatality rate of 77 percent).

-- Number of probable AI cases: 7, with 4 deaths (fatality rate of 57 percent).

-- Number of cases awaiting verification by the U.S. CDC: 3.

-- Number of possible AI cases under investigation: approximately 24.

-- Number of excluded AI cases: 302.

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